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Accident on NHs in Himachal Pradesh

†2985. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents that took place on the National Highways in Himachal Pradesh during the last six months, National Highway-wise;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the number of accidents taking place on such National Highways is increasing day by day; and

(c) if so, the measures taken by Government to prevent such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) The data for the last six months is not available as data sent by the State Government is on yearly basis and also data for each National Highway separately in a State is not collected. However, total number of road accidents in Himachal Pradesh during the year 2000 on National Highways in Himachal Pradesh is 709.

(c) Steps being taken are:

- (i) Widening of single lane to 2-lanes
- (ii) Widening of selected 2-lane sections to 4/6-lanes
- (iii) Improvement of road geometrics
- (iv) Construction of bypasses
- (v) Reconstruction of weak and narrow bridges and culverts
- (vi) Providing paved shoulders
- (vii) strengthening weak pavements
- (viii) Junction improvements
- (ix) Replacement of level-crossings by road over-bridges

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- (x) Retro-reflective road signs
- (xi) Thermoplastic road markings
- (xii) Provision of parking lay byes
- (xiii) Provision of Service Roads
- (xiv) Wayside amenities on high traffic density corridors, and
- (xv) Creation of awareness amongst various categories of Road Users.

Accidents on Highways in Himachal Pradesh

2986. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of accidents on Highways have increased in Himachal Pradesh considerably causing loss of lives and properties in the State during the last two years; and

(b) if so, the details of the persons who died in such accidents during the last five years, district-wise and the assistance granted in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) As per information available number of fatal accidents on National Highways in Himachal Pradesh during the year 1999 and 2000 are 143 and 110 and number of persons killed in these accidents have been 209 and 159 respectively. The district-wise data of persons killed and assistance provided in each case is not being maintained. No assessment has so far been made for the loss of properties in these accidents.